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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S HARD LINE ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES

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1. CONCERNING SPECULATION PARA 8 REFTEL THAT THERE WAS AN
AGREEMENT AT THE RIYADH TRIPARTITE SUMMIT THAT CROWN
PRINCE FAHD WOULD TAKE A SOFT PUBLIC LINE ON OIL WHILE
FAHMY MADE HARD LINE NOISES IN THE BACKGROUND, WE THINK
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THAT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY. THOSE WHO MET WITH FAHD AND HIS
PARTY IN WASHINGTON ARE IN A BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE,
BUT WE SUSPECT FAHMY'S HARD LINE STATEMENTS ON THE EVE
OF FAHD'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON ANGERED AND EMBARRASSED
THE SAUDIS. IN THE PERIOD JUST PRIOR TO THE VISIT, FAHD
AND OTHER SAUDI LEADERS HAD MADE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC STATE-
MENTS WHICH FIRMLY BUT WITH SOME SUBLETY EMPHASIZED THE

IMPORTANCE OF SAUDI OIL TO THE US AND THE ECONOMY OF THE FREE WORLD. THE POINT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THIS FASHION WE THINK THAT THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT THERE BE NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE QUESTION OF AN OIL EMBARGO DURING THE VISIT. AS IT WAS, FAHMY UPSTAGED FAHD AND MADE FAHD'S MODERATE AND UNEXCEPTIONAL REFERENCES TO OIL IN LONDON SEEM LIKE SOME KIND OF THREAT. THAT IS NOT THE SAUDI STYLE AND PARTICULARLY NOT FAHD'S STYLE.

2. AN ADDITIONAL REASON WHY WE THINK THAT AN AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER AT RIYADH IS UNLIKELY IS THAT THE SAUDI LEADERSHIP DOES NOT LIKE FAHMY VERY WELL AND TRUSTS HIM CONSIDERABLY LESS. IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT FAHD WOULD AGREE TO HIS BEING AUTHORIZED TO ENUNCIATE ANY PART OF SAUDI ARABIA'S OIL STRATEGY. SADAT, PERHAPS. FAHMY, NO. HORAN

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